

that responsibility.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...tries to follow up with the families and so on.

SENATOR BYARS: Right.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay. And I do have, Senator Robinson, I do have great respect for Barb Hopkins, who is a local Lincoln teacher and educator and has worked very hard in the Education 2000 effort, and she appeared for this bill. So, from the Lincoln point of view, it would get...I have the feeling that Barb was speaking for the Lincoln education community. So...but I did...and the other question I have quickly, because I did have a question about this from a constituent, Dennis. A person, and you keep use...everybody keeps using the pronoun him or he, girls have problems, too. And also, they can go into the military and that was the question. If, you know, with their permission, a student can go to the military at 17 with permission of the parents. So that wouldn't have...the schools aren't going to go out and try to stop that, or are they, or...that was just a question from a person that I'd like to clarify. I didn't think it really had any bearing. But...

SENATOR BYARS: Well, Senator Crosby, yes, it might have a bearing in this situation, because changing the age to 18 will preclude them going into the military, unless they have...unless they have...

SENATOR CROSBY: See, that goes back to Senator Robinson's question, what if the parent makes a decision, the school can't really come along, I don't think, and say, no, you can't do that, can they?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, they can.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, well, all right, that...that colors my feeling a little bit about it, because of that parental authority. But I still see the point. The other thing, I think when you say alternative education like are you thinking of vocational education and that kind of thing...

SENATOR BYARS: Certainly.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...to try to suit them...well, because that has